

Dear Neighbor,

Students at Rocketship Prep deputized as 'Litter Marshals'

"Litter bugs me! Stop it! Don't drop it!"

Congratulations to the students at Rocketship Prep located at 3003 W Cleveland Ave. for their recent deputation as "Litter Marshals." Thank you to Alderman Robert G. Donovan and Milwaukee Police Department Captain Heather Wurth for presenting the students with a certificate for their pledge to do their part in cleaning and keeping Milwaukee free from litter.

As State Representative of the 9th Assembly District and a Layton Boulevard West Neighborhood resident, myself, we appreciate Alderman Donovan's and Captain Wurth's hard work and the positive community service of our young students.

Thank you for taking the time to read about this heartening story for the future of Milwaukee, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at any time at (608)-266-1707, or e-mail me at Rep.Zepnick@legis.wisconsin.gov. For more useful information and updates, visit my legislative website at: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/09/zepnick

Sincerely,

Josh Zepnick

State Representative

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Wisconsin State Assembly



Alderman Donovan and Captain Wurth hand out certificates

Hundreds of cheering first- and second-grade students were initiated into the 2017 Class of Litter Marshals in the Rocketship Southside Community Prep gymnasium. With their right hand raised, students pledged, "I promise to do my part to make and keep Milwaukee litter free... Litter bugs me! Stop it! Don't drop it!"

After they made the pledge, students received stickers and a certificate from Alderman Robert G. Donovan and Milwaukee Police Department Captain Heather Wurth.

Joe Wilson, executive director of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Inc., initiated the program with the intent of getting youth involved in their community.

"My biggest objective with this program was making sure these kids grow up protecting the environment and doing good things for their community," Wilson said. "A lot of the time, crime is caused from kids having nothing to do, so I'm hopeful this initiative will help reduce negative activity."

Donovan thanked the students for their participation and said he was optimistic the program would benefit the community. "I need your help," Donovan said to the students. "We need to make our city clean and it won't happen unless I have you guys right beside me!"

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Joe Wilson, executive director of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Inc., addresses students at Rocketship Prep



Rocketship Prep's motto painted on the wall of their Gymnasium